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EXPLANATION OF PLATE XII.

Photographs, of the natural size, of two specimens of *Cephalodiscus densus*, Andersson, dredged by the 'Challenger' in Royal Sound, Kerguelen Island, Jan. 17th, 1874, from a depth of 25 fath. A, top view; B, side view.

XLIII.—*The Jerboa* of Muscat. By OLDFIELD THOMAS.

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WHILE determining an example of *Jaculus loftusi* obtained near Baghdad by Major Cheesman, my attention has been drawn to the examples from Muscat presented by Dr. Jayakar and hitherto referred to the same species. But with six

skulls of true *loftusi*, ranging from Karyatein (*Carruthers*) to Mohammarah (*Loftus*), before me, and three of the Muscat form, find that there are certain cranial differences between the two and would suggest that the latter should be distinguished as

Jaculus loftusi vocator, subsp. n.

External characters quite as in *loftusi*, but, the specimens being or having been in spirit, the exact tone of colour cannot be observed.

Skull of about the same size as in *loftusi*. Anteorbital foramina smaller, of more equal breadth above and below, not expanded above as in *loftusi*; greatest breadth across the two foramina in four specimens of *loftusi* 15·8, 16·2, 15·2, and 15·4, in three specimens of *vocator* 14·2, 14·0, and 14·0. Front edge of zygomatic plate outside the foramina more vertical, nearly at right angles (88°, 89°) to the line of the tooth-row, while in *loftusi* it slants back considerably (75°, 76°). Interparietal smaller, averaging about 4·5 × 5·4 as compared with 5·5 × 7·0 mm. Other characters apparently quite as usual.

Dimensions of type, measured on the spirit-specimen:—

Head and body 95 mm.; tail 164; hind foot 57; ear 21.

Skull: greatest median length 29·7; greatest diagonal length to back of bullæ 32; greatest breadth across face 22·4; interorbital breadth 12; bimeatal breadth 23·2; anteorbital foramen, height 5·4, breadth across the two foramina 14·2; upper molar series 4·8.

Hab. Coast region near Muscat; type from Sohar, others from Seeb.

Type. Adult male in spirit. B.M. no. O. 5. 22. 3. Presented by Dr. A. S. G. Jayakar.

Although the two co-types of *loftusi* (of which 55. 1. 6. 82 may now be formally selected as a lectotype) have the zygomatic plate broken away, enough remains to show that the anteorbital foramina are of quite the same shape as in our series from Karyatein.

XLIV.—A new Short-tailed Opossum from Brazil.

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Monodelphis theresa, sp. n.

Most nearly allied to *M. iheringi*.

Size about as in *iheringi*; fur similarly short and close, hairs of back about 4 mm. in length. Coloration on the